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KILLEEN NAMED PLAYFUL CITY USA FOR NINTH YEAR

(KILLEEN, TEXAS): The City of Killeen has been named a Playful City USA for a ninth consecutive year. This national designation is awarded by KaBOOM!, a non-profit dedicated to bringing play into the lives of children.

KaBOOM! considers a number of factors in selecting communities for the honor of Playful City USA. Killeen's efforts to increase the quantity and quality of playgrounds, park acreage per capita and youth served earned its place on the list of just 258 cities in the country.

In addition to its 18 parks, the city has a water park, spray park, two hike and bike trails, two skate parks, golf and disc golf courses and a variety of athletic fields. Parks and Recreation programming includes athletic leagues, camps, recreation classes and specialty events throughout the year. A full list of amenities and programs is available on the city's website, www.killeentexas.gov/parks.

To see the list of communities named 2017 Playful City USA honorees, or for more information on the Playful City USA program, visit www.playfulcityusa.org.

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